

**Testimony on SB 1094**  
**AN ACT BANNING LARGE CAPACITY AMMUNITION MAGAZINES**  
**Judiciary Committee Public Hearing**  
**March 23, 2011**

Hello my name is Brian Vanacore and I oppose SB 1094. I've been a resident and tax payer in Connecticut all my life. My father started a manufacturing business 1972 and employed as many as 15 people through the 1990's. With the decline of Connecticut's manufacturing economy the last 10 years, we are down to 7 employees with families.

About one and a half years ago I started a new business with a friend who was unemployed, we opened a retail store selling guns and accessories. In our first year we paid to the state of Connecticut a little over \$20,000.00 in sales tax collected. Our business plan to expand our store included cashing in most of my savings and investments as well as maxing out my personal credit line. We signed a lease on a bigger store front and gave personal guarantees for 5 years. And now 2 months later 75% of my inventory will be effected by this new proposed law. I am not sure what the nature of this proposed law is. SB 1094 does nothing for gun safety, nothing positive for the economy. SB 1094 will cost jobs and lessen revenue to the state of Connecticut. We in Connecticut already have more restrictions than most other states. We have state permitted gun owners who have guns for personal protection, and you will be limiting a person from protecting themselves. We have gun owners who collect and shoot for sport, as well as personal enjoyment. Just like someone who golf's, would you try to limit the size of their clubs or the number of clubs they can carry at one time? We in Connecticut have a lower speed limit than some other states, are you going to tell car dealers that they can't sell cars that go faster than the speed limit? I really think with the state of our state you could be spending you time on a problem and not an agenda.